

4A-206. Uncontested petition for paternity; forms needed; filing fee.

A. **Forms to be filed.** In an uncontested paternity proceeding, the parties need to file the following completed forms with the court:

(1) a Domestic Relations Information Sheet, Domestic Relations Form 4A-102 NMRA is required;

(2) a Petition to Establish Parentage. Domestic Relations Form 4A-331 is provided; and

(3) a Final Decree of Parentage. Domestic Relations Form 4A-332 is provided.

B. **Parenting plan and child support.** If child support is to be ordered, a Parenting Plan and Child Support Obligation and child support worksheet are required. A wage withholding order may also be required if requested by a party. *See* Domestic Relations Form 4A-205 NMRA for an explanation of the Parenting Plan and Child Support Obligation, the child support worksheet and the wage withholding order.

C. **Type or print.** The parties must type or print all of the information required to be completed on the forms. Many forms may be downloaded and completed or completed on-line. *See* Domestic Relations Form 4A-100 NMRA for the availability of forms. If a pre-printed form is being used by the parties and there is not enough room on the form to provide all of the information required, use a separate page for the information and staple the page to the pre-printed form before making copies and filing the form with the court.

D. **Sign the pleadings.** A party's signature on a pleading or paper filed with the court constitutes a certificate that the party has read the paper and that to the best of the party's knowledge,

information and belief there is good grounds to support it.

E. **Forms required to be signed before a notary.** Both the husband and wife must sign the following pleadings and papers before a notary:

- (1) the Petition for Parentage; and
- (2) if child support is to be ordered, the Parenting Plan and Child Support Obligation.

F. **File the forms with the court.** After the parties have completed and signed the forms, the parties must file them with the court clerk.

G. **Required number of copies.** An original and two (2) copies of each form must be filed.

H. **Pay the filing fee.** A filing fee must be paid to the clerk in cash or money order at the time the petition and information sheet are filed unless free process is approved.

[Approved, effective November 15, 2002.]

